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SUBJECT: TURKISH PRESS REPORTS ON CRASH OF U-21

1. SEVERAL NEWSPAPERS HAVE REPORTED OBJECTIVELY BUT WITH VARYING DEGREES OF ACCURACY THE CRASH JANUARY 20 OF THE U.S. MILITARY SUPPORT AIRCRAFT ENROUTE TO SINOP. FIVE AMERICAN SERVICEMEN DIED IN THE CRASH.

2. AMONG THOSE NEWSPAPERS THAT DISTORTED THE STORY, LEFTIST
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"POLITIKA" STATED THAT THE DOWNED AIRCRAFT WAS A U-2 SPY PLANE. WE UNDERSTAND "PRAVDA" MADE A SIMILAR ALLEGATION.

3. MASS APPEAL "HURRIYET" WHICH DESCRIBED THE PLANE AS "MYSTERIOUS" IN ITS REPORT QUOTED RPP SENATOR UNSAL IN A SECOND FRONT PAGE STORY AS SAYING THAT THE U-21 FLIGHT WAS PROOF THAT THE AMERICANS HAD UNILATERALLY REOPENED

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OPERATIONS AT SINOP. HURRIYET ALSO REPORTS THAT SOVIETS
TERMED THE U-21 "A SPY PLANE".

4. IN RESPONSE TO LOCAL PRESS INQUIRIES WE HAVE SAID THAT
THE PLANE WAS LOST ON A ROUTINE RESUPPLY FLIGHT FROM ISTANBUL
TO SINOP. THESE FLIGHTS SUPPORT A SMALL CARETAKER U.S.
MILITARY UNIT AT SINOP RESPONSIBLE FOR BASIC MAINTENANCE
AND THAT NO OPERATIONS HAVE BEEN CONDUCTED AT THE BASE SINCE
JULY 1975. WE HAVE CLEARLY IDENTIFIED THE TYPE AND
FUNCTION OF THE U-21 AS A CARGO AND PASSENGER AIRCRAFT.
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